

What Parents/Guardians/Participant Will Need for a Medicaid Prescription Request for Special Formula or Medical Foods

Medicaid can provide special formula or medical foods for infants and children (under 21 years of age) taken by mouth or as a type of tube-feeding. For Medicaid recipients 21 years of age or older, the special formula or medical food will not be provided by Medicaid if it is taken orally. A prescription from the doctor or health care provider with the following information is needed:

1. Dates—initial date and a revised date if the request has changed or the recertification date if this is a second request for the same product.
2. Recipient's name, address, telephone number, Medicaid number, date of birth and sex.
3. Where the person will use the product (like at home).
4. The doctor's or other health care provider's name address, telephone number and their identification or provider number. These things should be on the prescription.
5. How much is needed every month or how many calories per day.
6. How many days per week and how long will it be needed.
7. Code numbers for the diagnosis of why the special formula or medical food is needed.

Doctors and health care providers should already be familiar with what is required for Medicaid to pay for special formula or medical food.

The participant, parent or guardian presents the prescription to a pharmacy or supplier of special formulas/medical foods who has a Medicare Supplier Number or applicable National Provider Identifier.

The form that the pharmacy or supplier would complete can be viewed at <http://medicaidprovider.hhs.mt.gov/pdf/dmecnepsdt.pdf> (for under 21 years of age) and <http://medicaidprovider.hhs.mt.gov/pdf/dmecnetherapy.pdf> (if 21 years of age or older).

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